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| **What:** Writers collect a variety of meaningful entries in their writer’s notebooks |
| **Why:** so they have a place to capture them for later use. |
| **How:** One strategy to collect entries is to… |

* Draw a Heart Map **and then write long**
* Sketch and **then write long** about:
  + Meaningful people, places, things
  + A map of your bedroom, house, neighborhood, school…
  + An observation of something in your yard/neighborhood/school – extend with writing using sensory details
* Write down meaningful ideas from books, movies, magazines, songs….
* Write down overheard conversations
* Wonder… (wonder as much as you can about something/someone/somewhere)
* Write about why something happened to you
* Write memories related to a favorite object
* Write about a special person, place or thing
* List of:…**and then write long**
  + Favorite Foods
  + Movies
  + Firsts (sleepover, black eye, etc.)
  + Books
  + Quotes
  + Places you love
  + Activities/Hobbies
  + Future Goals (One day I will…)
* Make a web of vacation/special moments **and then write long**
* Glue in a photo and write about it
* Glue in newspaper/magazine headline and write why you chose it
* Create an Emotion/Time When Chart **and then write long**
* Write about a topic you know a lot about
* Use mentor text and mimic the author’s craft
* Write in the voice of a future character